

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TYLER DIVISION**

ATLAS IP, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

TELEMATICS WIRELESS USA, CORP. and  
TELEMATICS WIRELESS, LTD

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff Atlas IP, LLC (“Atlas”) brings this action and makes the following allegations of patent infringement relating to U.S. Patent No. 5,371,734 (“the ’731 Patent”) against Defendants Telematics Wireless USA, Corp. (“Telematics USA”) and Telematics Wireless, LTD (“Telematics”) (collectively “Defendant”) as follows:

**NATURE OF ACTION**

1. This is a claim for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code.

**THE PARTIES**

2. Atlas IP, LLC is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, having a principal place of business at One SE Third Avenue, Suite 200, Miami, Florida 33131.

3. Defendant Telematics Wireless USA Corp. is a Delaware corporation with a place of business at 2200 10th Street, Suite 300, Plano, Texas 75074. Telematics USA maintains a

registered agent in Texas at its office in Plano, Texas: Shirley Hudnall, 2200 10th Street, Suite 300, Plano, Texas 75074.

4. Defendant Telematics Wireless LTD is an Israeli corporation with a place of business located at 26 Hamelacha Street, Holon, Israel 58117.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. Accordingly, this Court has exclusive subject matter jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a)

6. Upon information and belief, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant in this action because Defendant has committed acts within the Eastern District of Texas giving rise to this action and has established sufficient minimum contacts with this forum such that the exercise of jurisdiction over Defendant would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice. Personal jurisdiction also exists specifically over Defendant because it, directly or through subsidiaries or intermediaries, makes, uses, offers for sale, sells, imports, advertises, makes available and/or markets one or more products and/or services within the State of Texas, and more particularly, within the Eastern District of Texas, that infringe the patent-in-suit, as described more particularly below.

7. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Texas pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) and (c) and §1400(b) insofar as Defendant has, among other things, committed acts of patent infringement in this District.

### **BACKGROUND**

8. Atlas is the owner by assignment of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,371,734 (“the ‘734 patent”) entitled, *Medium Access Control Protocol for Wireless Network*, the application for which was filed in January 1993. (Exhibit A)

9. The invention of the ‘734 patent is directed, *inter alia*, to “a reliable medium access control (MAC) protocol for wireless, preferably radio frequency (RF), LAN-type network communications among a plurality of resources....” ‘734 patent, col. 5, lines 10-14.

10. Representative claim 1 of the ‘734 patent reads:

A communicator for wirelessly transmitting frames to and receiving frames from at least one additional communicator in accordance with a predetermined medium access control protocol, the communicators which transmit and receive the frames constituting a Group, each communicator including a transmitter and a receiver for transmitting and receiving the frames respectively, the medium access control protocol controlling each communicator of the Group to effect predetermined functions comprising:

designating one of the communicators of the Group as a hub and the remaining the communicators of the Group as remotes;

the hub establishing repeating communication cycles, each communication cycle having intervals during which the hub and the remotes transmit and receive frames;

the hub transmitting cycle establishing information to the remotes to establish the communication cycle and a plurality of predeterminable intervals during each communication cycle, the intervals being ones when the hub is allowed to transmit frames to the remotes, when the remotes are allowed to transmit frames to the hub, and when each remote is expected to receive a frame from the hub;

the hub transmitting a frame containing the cycle establishing information which establishes both an outbound portion of the communication cycle when the hub transmits frames to the remotes and an inbound portion of the communication cycle when the remotes transmit frames to the hub, the frame containing the cycle establishing information also establishing the predetermined intervals during the outbound and inbound portions of the communication cycle when each remote is allowed to transmit and receive;

the remotes powering off their transmitters during times other than those intervals when the remote is allowed to transmit frames to the hub, by using the cycle establishing information transmitted from the hub; and

the remotes powering off their receivers during times other than those intervals when the remote is expected to receive a frame from the hub, by using the cycle establishing information transmitted from the hub.

11. Defendant infringes the '734 through, for example, its use of its Galaxy networks which has base stations gateways and nodes.

12. Prior to January 2013, Defendant installed among its customer base Galaxy System network of base stations, gateways repeaters and nodes. Such nodes are Float Transceivers, Ultrasonic Transceivers, Pressure Transceivers, Internal Light Control Units, NEMA Light control units, among others including sensors or actuators (hereinafter nodes), which communicate with the base station, gateway, repeater (hereinafter base station) over a wide area network ("WAN") using Telematics communication protocol.

13. The communication between the nodes and base station over the WAN occurs over the licensed 450-470 MHz band.

14. The nodes and base station communicate over the WAN ("Accused Products") and are designed to form a communication group.

15. The Accused Products each include a transceiver consisting of a transmitter and receiver that transmits and receives packets of data.

16. The Accused Products operate to transmit and receive information about device state information, commands, and requests.

17. The Accused Products form a group of at least one device operating in remote mode (node), and one device operating in base mode (base station, for example). For example, in Galaxy water applications, the Pressure Transceiver records information regarding water

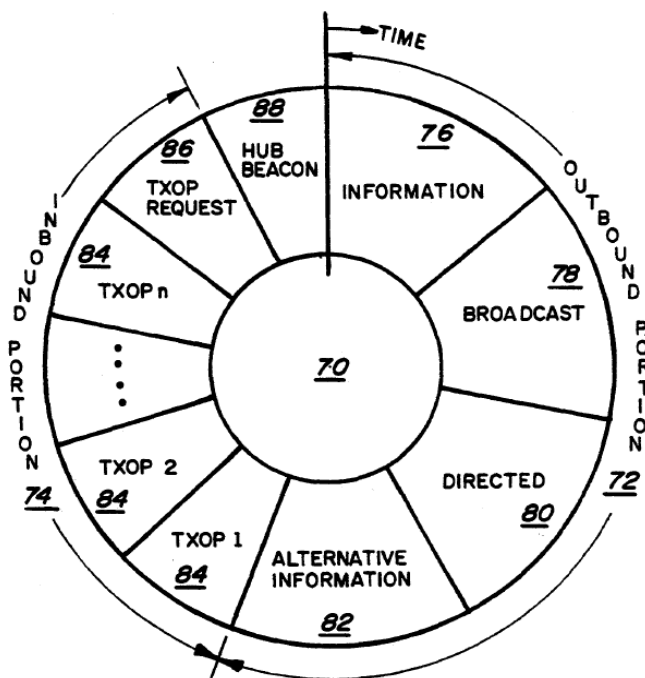
pressure in a pipe and the Galaxy Base Station periodically interrogates the Pressure Transceiver at flexible intervals according to a customer's needs. The Galaxy Base Station (hub) can support up to 50,000 fixtures.

18. The base station transmits at least one frame of data to a node that initiates a communication session, and which allows the node to calculate the duration of the communication session and its constituent intervals before the node transmits to the base station during the communication session.

19. During the communication session, the base station and the nodes will transmit and receive packets of data to and from one another including an interrogation or command message from the base station to the node, and node will send the data back including machine state, history and/or an acknowledgement from the node to the base station.

20. During the transmission period, the node expects to receive a packet of data, which come in the form of a query. During the reception period, the node sends packets of data to the base station including machine state data and history.

21. The base station establishes communication cycles with the node that repeats (*e.g.*, hourly) according to the needs of the customer. During each such communication cycle, there are intervals during which the base station and the node transmit and receive frames. For example, as depicted in Figure 3 of the '734 patent below, the interrogation or command messages are frames. These frames contain information establishing the communication cycle, including the interval in which a interrogation or message is sent from the base station to the node (*i.e.*, the outbound portion of the communication cycle), and the interval in which a reply, status, history or acknowledgement message is sent from the node to the base station (*i.e.*, the inbound portion of the communication cycle).



22. The base station determines whether to power off its receiver during times other than those when it is receiving data during a communication session. Likewise, the node determines whether to power off its transmitter during times other than those when it is transmitting data during a communication session. For example, the node can communicate with the access point using half-duplex radio frequency communications. In half-duplex communications, the node powers down the receiver circuitry of the radio transceiver during the interval of the communication cycle in which it is transmitting the reply, status, history or acknowledgement messages. Once the node has transmitted data packets to the base station, if its receiver has been powered down, it activates its receiver to await the reception of data from the base.

23. A chart showing that the Accused Products literally satisfy each limitation of claim 1 of the '734 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

**Count I – Infringement of the ‘734 Patent**

24. Atlas hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-23.

25. Defendant’s Galaxy System including its base stations and nodes described herein directly infringed the claims of the ‘734 patent before the expiration thereof, including but not limited to, representative claim 1 above and claims 2, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 32, 34, and 44.

26. Defendant is liable for infringement of one or more claims of the ‘734 patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271, either literally or under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

27. As a result of Defendant’s wrongful conduct, Atlas has been damaged in an amount to be determined at trial, but in no case less than a reasonable royalty.

28. Atlas has not made or sold, or had made or sold for it, any product covered by the claims of the ‘734. Of Atlas’s predecessors in interest in the ownership of the ‘734 patent, only Digital Ocean Inc. made or sold, or had made or sold, products covered by the claims of the ‘734 patent. Digital Ocean marked all such products with the ‘734 patent number.

**REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL**

29. Atlas requests a jury trial on all issues for which a jury trial is permissible.

**PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Atlas respectfully requests that this Court enter the following prayer for relief:

- A. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff Atlas IP, that Defendant has infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, the ‘734 patent;
- B. An award of damages resulting from Defendant’s acts of infringement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284;

C. A judgment and order requiring Defendant to provide accountings and to pay supplemental damages to Atlas including, without limitation, prejudgment and post-judgment interest; and

D. Any and all other relief to which Atlas may show itself to be entitled.

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Respectfully submitted,

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